_100

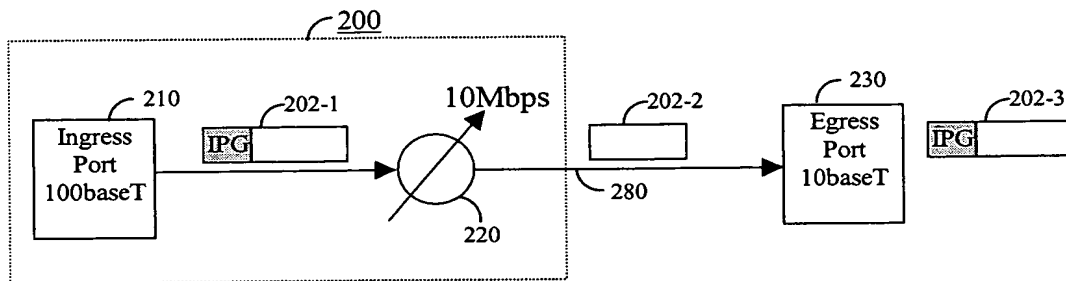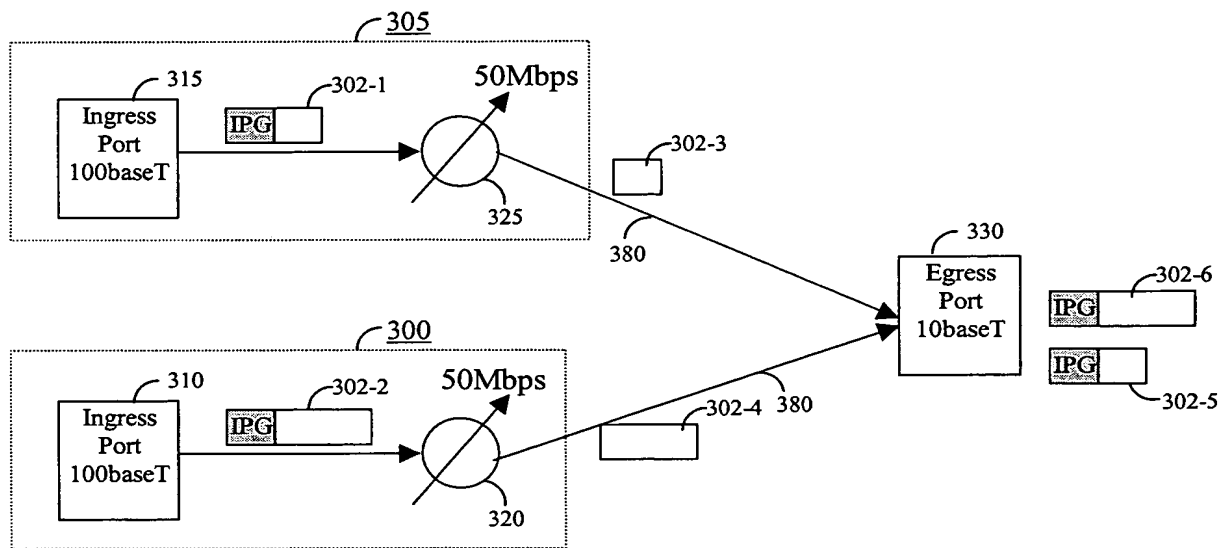| Interpacket Gap Overhead	Protocol Overhead (POH)	Client overhead (COH)	DATA

_110   _120   _130   _140

FIGURE 1 (PRIOR-ART)
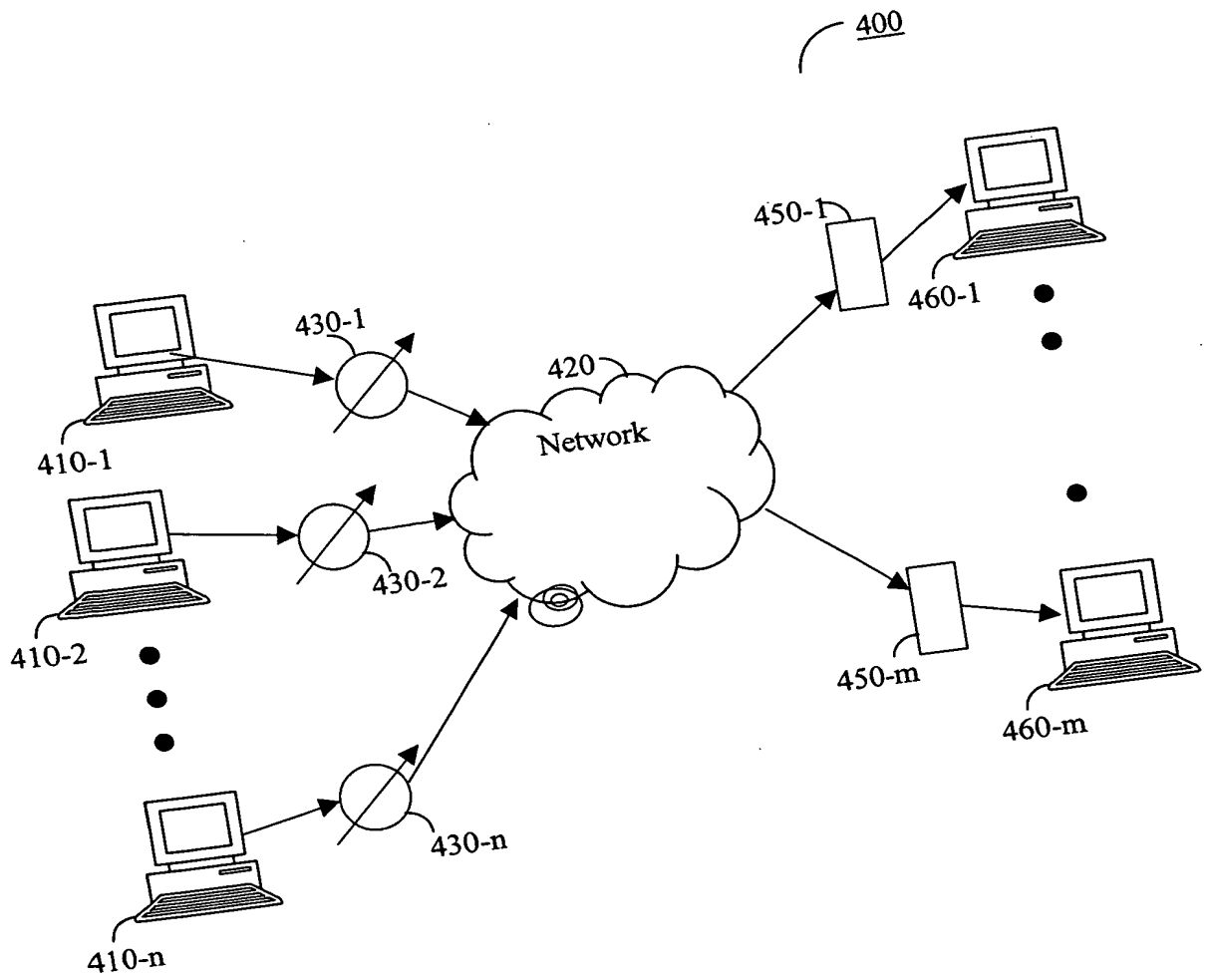
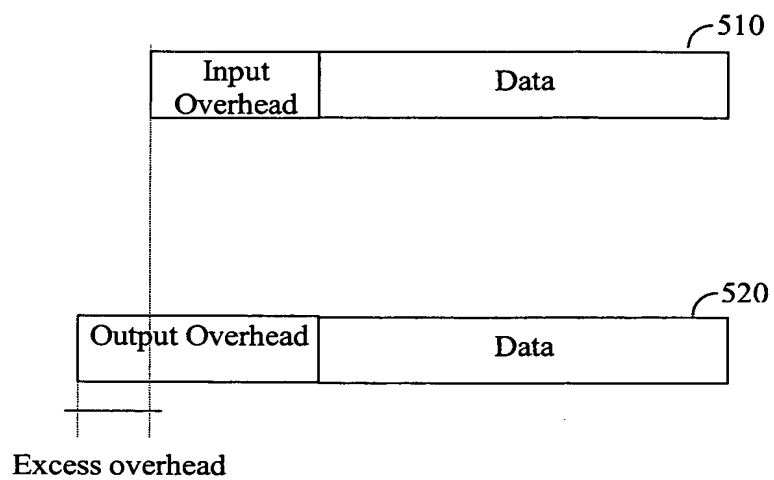FIGURE 2 (PRIOR-ART)

FIGURE 3 (PRIOR –ART)

FIGURE 4

Excess overhead

FIGURE 5

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          ┌──────────────┐
          │    Start     │
          └──────────────┘
                 │
                 │        S610
                 ▼
          ┌──────────────┐
          │ Find "worst" │
          │overhead paths│
          └──────────────┘
                 │
                 │        S620
                 ▼
          ┌──────────────┐
          │ Determine the│
          │overhead      │
          │criterion     │
          └──────────────┘
                 │
                 │        S630
                 ▼
          ┌──────────────┐
          │Configure a   │
          │rate regulator│
          └──────────────┘
                 │
                 ▼
          ┌──────────────┐
          │     End      │
          └──────────────┘
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FIGURE 6